

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are presently pending in the application. The drawings and specification stand as previously filed.

ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS

The Examiner has noted that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species 1 shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9

Species 2 shown in Figs. 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9

Species 3 shown in Figs. 7 and 10; and

Species 4 shown in Figs. 7 and 11.

Applicants respectfully submit that Species 3 and 4 should be combined into a single species because both Figures 10 and 11 depict the same actuator ring assembly 302 as described in paragraphs 37-39 of the specification. Figure 10 simply shows a perspective view of actuating ring assembly 302 from a first angle while Figure 11 depicts actuating ring assembly 302 from a different angle. Figures 10 and 11 depict the same component.

Accordingly, Applicants elect Species 3 and 4 relating to Figures 7, 10 and 11. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-7 and 9-21 read on Figures 7, 10 and 11. Therefore, Applicants request substantive examination of the elected species and claims readable thereon.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that a full and complete response has been made to the election/restriction requirements set forth in the Office Action.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600. Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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